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1. ALGERIAN PRESS REPORTED MARCH 12 THAT TUNISIAN FONMIN CHATTI HAD ARRIVED PREVIOUS DAY BEARING MESSAGE TO BOUMEDIENE FROM BOURGUIBA. HE MET WITH BOUMEDIENE ON 12TH AND DEPARTED LATER SAME DAY FOR RABAT. HE GAVE STATEMENT TO PRESS BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM WHICH

WE ABLE TO DISCERN THAT HE AND BOUMEDIENE DISCUSSED JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING, BUT PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC

COOPERATION.

2. PRESS MARCH 13 REPORTS ARRIVAL MAURITANIA PRESIDENT OULD DADA, ACCOMPANIED BY FONMIN OULD MAKNASS, MINISTER OF TRADE AND TRANSPORT OULD SHARIF, SECGEN OF PRESIDENCY ALI SHERIF, AND DEPUTY GOVERNOR CENTRAL BANK OULD SHEIKH. OULD DADA STAYED AT PRESIDENTIAL GUEST HOUSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND MET WITH BOUMEDIENE IN EVENING. NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

MADE YET AS TO HIS DEPARTURE. ON ARRIVAL OULD DADA SAID HE HAD COME TO DISCUSS CURRENT PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY IN ECONOMIC FIELD. VISIT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ARRANGED SUDDENLY. CHIEFS OF MISSION NOT INVITED EITHER FOR ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE CEREMONY. ALGERIAN OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBOFF MARCH 12 THEY HAD LEARNED OF VISIT AT 1300 THAT DAY.

3. COMMENT: TAKING VISITORS AT THEIR WORD, PRIMARY PURPOSE IN COMING WAS ECONOMIC. PERHAPS CONNECTED WITH OPEC CONFERENCE, BUT THAT IS ONLY SPECULATION. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES DEVELOP.

4. NOTEWORTHY THAT CHATTI NEITHER MET NOR SEEN OFF BY BOUTEFLIKA. DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS CALCULATED INSULT, SLOTH OR FOR GOOD REASON.PARKER

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